

Fall Business Meeting

Wednesday, September 23 @ 6:30 in the sanctuary

or via Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/98926375989?pwd=Szk5c3R5N1N1S3lWSXpZR3BjRDkrdz09>

Zoom Meeting ID: 989 2637 5989 Passcode: 985485

Online voting - email to info@firstmennonite.net with topic of vote in subject line

ON THE JOURNEY

"Bread for me is a material matter; bread for my neighbor is a spiritual matter." - Nilolai Berdyaev

CALENDAR

<u>9/23</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>Mom's In Prayer</u>
<u>9/23</u>	<u>5:30 pm</u>	<u>Outreach Commission</u>
<u>9/23</u>	<u>6:30 pm</u>	<u>Fall Business Meeting</u>
<u>9/27</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>Phil Preaching</u>
<u>9/28</u>		<u>Health Department</u>
<u>9/30</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>Mom's In Prayer</u>
<u>10/1</u>	<u>6:30 pm</u>	<u>Board Meeting</u>
<u>10/4</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>Phil Preaching / Communion</u>
<u>10/4</u>	<u>4:00 pm</u>	<u>Picnic / Acoustic Harmony</u>
<u>10/6</u>	<u>5:00 pm</u>	<u>Preschool Advisory Board</u>
<u>10/7</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>Mom's In Prayer</u>
<u>10/8</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	<u>First Mennonite Women</u>
<u>10/11</u>	<u>9:00</u>	<u>Phil Preaching</u>

- All newsletter submissions need to be in to the church office by noon on Monday.

September Birthdays

Connie Beachy – 24
Kris Bontrager – 26
Arlene Schrock – 27
Patty (Ron) Yoder – 27
Carolyn Miller – 30

October

Carol Outman – 01
Kyle Walther – 01
Paul Haarer – 03
Edna Hochstetler – 04
Viola Miller – 11



All Calendar Events are subject to change.

Office Hours

Betty Lou's Administrative Assistant Office Hours:

Tuesday 8:30am to 4:30pm

Thursday 11:00am to 5:00pm

Phil Yoder Pastoral Office Hours:

Tuesday 9:30 AM-1:30 PM,

Thursday 1:00-6:00 PM

The office is closed Wednesday

(but you might also catch BL here Monday or Friday)

WORSHIP

Focus statement: 100 years ago this year, Mennonite Central Committee was formed to respond to the famine and starvation in Russia. The outpouring of aid was overwhelming. Soon, MCC was feeding more than 25,000 people every day in 140 soup kitchens, and that was only the beginning of the aid that would flow for the next

hundred years to the needy of the world through MCC. MCC is one of the service organizations of the Mennonite Church, and represents so well what is at the heart of our understanding of the Christian faith, which is that Jesus has compassion on the suffering of this world. Jesus demonstrated His compassion throughout his entire earthly ministry by continually healing people, feeding the hungry, and casting out demons. One of the important works of the church throughout history has been ministering with compassion to the needs of the world. It is our understanding that Jesus calls Christians today to continue the works of compassion that He began when He was on the earth, and that there is a seamless link between Jesus' work of compassion 2,000 years ago and His work of compassion today through His servants. That is why MCC continues to minister "In The Name of Christ." The great thing about MCC is that it gives all of us an opportunity to be involved in a hands-on ministry of compassion in the world, to partner with Jesus to show the compassion of God to the suffering world.

Sunday Sermon Title: "Happy Birthday MCC!"

Scripture Text: Matthew 25:32-46

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 9:00 AM

(There will be no printed bulletins)

Call to Worship
Worship Songs – **Come Sing with Us!**
Sermon
Congregational Sharing and Prayer
Song
Sending Prayer
Dismissal



(Please DO NOT sign the attendance sheets)



October 4 is **World Communion Sunday**. We will be offering communion with safety precautions in both the preparation and serving.

Announcement: You can now join in the live stream of Sunday sermons by clicking onto You

Tube, then typing in FMC INDIANA in the search box. We begin at 9:00 AM on Sunday mornings

Coffee Prep Volunteers

This Sunday:

Next Sunday:

Welcome Center

This Sunday:

Next Sunday:

ADMINISTRATION

Stewardship Report for September 20:

Money Given to Budget \$ 3,574.00

Amount Needed Weekly for Budget \$

Year-to-date Money Given to Budget \$14,402.00

Amount Needed Year-to-Date for Budget \$

You should have found a bright coral paper in your mailbox regarding **Offering Envelopes, Newsletter, Rejoice Magazine and Snowbird information**. Please return this to Betty Lou via the church office drop box by 10/16/2020!

Snowbirds – If this form is not completed before you leave, you may miss out information you might normally expect to get!!

COMMUNITY LIFE

If you would be willing to take a meal to Jim and Arlene Schrock, please call Jim at 574-370-5795 to arrange a time.

Sunday, October 4 at 4:00 pm we will be having an **All Church Picnic with provided meal and music**. The picnic will begin at 4:00 pm, all food will be provided, We will plan on serving and eating in the fellowship hall while keeping social distancing in mind. After the meal we will plan to meet outside for music provided for us by "Acoustic Harmony." A local BlueGrass singing and instrumental group. Most of the members of Acoustic Harmony attend Clinton Frame. Please plan to attend and bring your own comfortable chair from home for the outside concert. Otherwise a folding chair can be provided for you.

DISCIPLING

Until COVID restrictions are lifted, there will be no reports for this commission

OUTREACH

Celebrate with us! Mennonite Central Committee invites you join **Celebration 2020: MCC at 100**, a livestreamed event commemorating a century of MCC's ministry on Saturday, Oct. 17, starting at 6:50 p.m. (EDT). The event will feature photos, videos and storytelling that highlight MCC's work over the years. Former MCC leader and pastor Leonard Dow of Philadelphia will inspire participants to walk boldly into the next century of MCC's ministry while talented musicians will lead in prayer and thanksgiving. You can find more information about MCC's centennial and log in for the livestreamed event at mcc.org/celebration-2020.

The September edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue, you can read how MDS volunteers are exploring ways to assist with recovery from Hurricanes Laura and Sally and the deadly West Coast wildfires, volunteers in PA make plans to assist farmers facing drought, and we are now accepting volunteers for fall and winter projects. Click on this link to read more:
<https://conta.cc/33EJ34W>

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catch Goshen College's Virtual Peace Plays, Oct. 2 & Oct. 3 at 8 p.m. EST, and Oct. 4 at 2 p.m. EST. The plays, "**Here to Serve You**" by Barbara Lindsay and "**After the First Death**" by Richard Stayton, are both previous winners of the Goshen College Peace Play contest, and will be brought to life in new and creative ways virtually. Watch them at goshen.edu/livestream.